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POWER GRID STATION IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Grid Station has been sanctioned for Gopalganj District HQ, Bihar, but the same has not started as yet;

(b) if so, the time by which the Power Grid Station will be constructed and made operational;

(c) whether the transmission system is faulty in North Bihar, consequent to which, consumers are suffering heavily; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve the transmission system?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : A new substation at Gopalganj has been planned by Bihar State ElectricityBoard (BSEB), as a part of sub-transmission system improvement scheme for Bihar. BSEB has requested POWERGRID to execute the scheme on their behalf.This scheme is being implemented with a grant from Planning Commission to Government of Bihar.The work on the scheme would commence after the signing of Memorandum of Agreement among POWERGRID, Government of Bihar and Ministry of Power, which is expected shortly.

(b) : The substation is a part of the aforesaid scheme, which is expected to be commissioned in 18 months from the date of receipt of first tranche of the grant from the Planning Commission.

(c) & (d) : The aforesaid Sub-transmission scheme in Bihar would strengthen theexisting network in the northern part of Bihar and shall facilitate reliable power supply in this part of the State.